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a stationary ring unit coaxially surrounding said rotatable shaft within said housing and arranged for movement axially of said rotatable shaft under a resilient pressure;

each of said ring units having an end face for mutual engagement under said resilient pressure to form a sealing interface;

one of said end faces comprising plurality of helical grooves, said plurality of helical grooves extending inward the innermost extent of said plurality of helical grooves defining an inner groove diameter said inner groove diameter being larger than the diameter of the innermost extent of either of said end faces;

said supply opening positioned at a fluid supply diameter concentric with said rotatable shaft, said fluid supply diameter being larger than said groove diameter; and

2. A rotary barrier face seal according to claim 1 wherein the outermost extent of said plurality of helical

4 ~~B~~. A rotary barrier face seal according to clam 1 wherein the outermost extent of said plurality of helical grooves defines an outer groove diameter, said outer groove diameter being smaller than the diameter of the outermost extent of either of said end faces.

5. A rotary barrier face seal according to claim 2 wherein one of said end faces comprises at least one crescent-shaped pocket communicating with said at least one supply bore.

6. A rotary barrier face seal according to claim 3 wherein one of said end faces comprises at least one crescent-shaped pocket communicating with said at least one supply bore.

7. A rotary barrier face seal according to claim 1 wherein one of said end faces comprises a circumferential groove, communicating with said at least one supply bore.

8. A rotary barrier face seal according to claim 2 wherein one of said end faces comprises a circumferential groove, communicating with said at least one supply bore.

9. A rotary barrier face seal according to claim 3 wherein one of said end faces comprises a circumferential groove, communicating with said at least one supply bore.

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